



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re of Applicant)
Masayuki Toda et al) Art Group: 1763
Serial No.: 09/381,061)
Filing Date: September 10, 1999)
Title: SUBSTRATE BODY FLOATING) Examiner: Richard R. Beuker
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RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 31, 2002, having a due date of October 31, 2002, which has been extended by two months by the contemporaneously filed Petition of Extension of Time, now having a due date of December 31, 2002, Applicant hereby submits the following Amendment.

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending and rejected in this application.

Claims 1 and 3-8 are amended hereby; and claim 2 is cancelled hereby. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added to the claims.

The Examiner is thanked for the courtesies extended during the
5 teleconference of December 19, 2002. The Examiner, while maintaining that the response filed November 20, 2002 raises new issues and would not be entered, offered comments with respect to the clarity of the claims. These comments were kept in mind during the preparation of this response.

Responsive to the rejection of claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st
10 paragraph, Applicants have amended 1 and 3-6 and have cancelled claim 2, keeping in mind the comments offered by the Examiner. As such, Applicants

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